

Volunteer Opportunity

POSITION TITLE: Exercise Actor

SUPERVISOR

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DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Volunteers at exercises help test response to a variety of incidents. Volunteers at these one-time events pretend to be affected by an emergency such as evacuation, terrorist attack, or pandemic illness. Each exercise is different. They may be outside or inside, a couple of hours or an entire day.

Exercise participation is a fun way to meet people and see firsthand how police, fire, EMS, emergency management agencies and public health agencies, among others, plan to protect the community during an emergency.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

350 to 400 people are needed to sign up. Each exercise will generally require 10 to 50 volunteers.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Exercises are usually scheduled during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The length of each exercise varies.

TRAINING, SPECIAL SKILLS OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS

No special skills are required. Any necessary training will be given the day of the exercise during the volunteer briefing.

OTHER INFORMATION

Minors are sometimes able to participate depending on the nature of the exercise. Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation to exercises.

IMPACT

Exercise Actors help responders train for real events, improving protection of the community. Volunteers add a human component that can't be simulated any other way, and add realism to exercises.



Volunteers help police practice crowd control techniques on June 30, 2009.

Video at NBC4 http://www.nbc4i.com/cmh/news/local/article/Central_Ohio_Police_Break_Out_Riot_Gear/18315/.